

## **A G E N D A**

**School Facilities Construction Commission  
Thursday, September 27, 2007: 10:00 A. M.  
Old Governor's Mansion  
400 High Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Call to Order**

**Chairman Bernard Sandfoss**

**Introduction of Guests**

- 1. Minutes Approval (June 21, 2007, Meeting)**
- 2. Education Technology Report** – David Couch Associate Commissioner, Department of Education
- 3. Budget Request 2008-10**
  - A. Facility Assessments/Categorizations**
  - B. Private Donations Policy**
  - C. Regular Offers of Assistance**
  - D. Urgent Needs**
- 4. Other Business:**  
**Refundings:**

**Next Meeting Date & Location**

## **2. Agenda Item: Education Technology Report**

**Discussion:** Since last December we have had very little information shared in terms of the Educational Technology program because of the intensity of our facilities work. You will recall that prior to the FB 2006-08, technology was an area of great concern for the Commission, and we had offered our support through a resolution to the Commissioner's Office of the Kentucky Board of Education (KDE).

The Commissioner responded that it was also a high priority of the Board's as well. Through the current budget significant funding was allocated to the technology program. The majority of the funding flowed to KDE to fund bonds, and significant progress as been made in the last year to upgrading equipment. David Couch Associate Commissioner will be present to provide a report to the Commission.

### **3. Agenda Item: Budget Request 2008-10**

**Discussion:** For the last fifteen months we have been busy implementing the current budget. The time has come for submission of the budget request for FB 2008-010. During the June meeting we discussed several ideas as a platform for this request. Based on those discussions and those of the last year, the forthcoming budget requests could be broken into four basic areas:

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#### **3. A Agenda Item: Facility Assessments / Categorizations**

**Discussion:** A copy of a position paper, which was discussed last month, on the use of a third party to assist in the performance of facility assessment within the state, is included in the Agenda Packet. From the minutes of the June 21, 2007 Commission meeting, one can see there was support for inclusion of this concept into the next budget request. (*Enclosure for this Item is "School Facilities Assessment/Categorization"*)

**Recommendation:** That the Commission includes a request in the FB 2008-10 budget request, for \$6 million to accomplish these facility assessments by a third party.

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#### **3. B Agenda Item: Private Donations Policy**

**Discussion:** During the June 21, 2007 meeting the Commission agreed that a policy should be developed for the matching of private donations in case this form of funding was to be used in the future for facilities. Enclosed you will find a recommended policy. (*Enclosure for this Item is "Private Donations Facilities Match Program"*)

**Recommendation:** 1.) The Commission should approve the enclosed policy on private donations. 2.) That a request for new bonding potential of \$10 million be included in the FB 2008-10 request to be used in matching private donations according to the proposed policy.

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#### **3. C. Agenda Item: Regular Offers of Assistance**

**Discussion:** Most schools within the state need the additional assistance that the SFCC regular offers provide. The offers have been a stable part of the state's facility program.

**Recommendation:** That the Commission includes a request in the FB 2008-10 budget request, for \$150 million of new money to provide regular offers of assistance.

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### **3. D. Agenda Item:**     Urgent Needs Offers of Assistance

**Discussion:** During the June Commission meeting several issues and the experiences of the past year involving the concept of targeted funding were discussed.

Members of the Commission pointed out a concern with high growth districts, the need for facilities assessments in a more concrete format, and the concept of using the valuation system built by the Urgent Needs Advisory Committee while receiving more legislative intent on the factors.

Since that time a Kentucky School Board Association (KSBA) survey of school board members and superintendents has been published indicating preferences on legislative issues of which facilities funding is one. On the enclosed survey questions 37 – 48 are related to facilities issues. Question number 20 asked the respondents to rank order different sources of revenue of which Urgent needs was one. (*Enclosure for this item is “KSBA’s Legislative Priority Survey”*)

The other issue that needs consideration is the schools to which the SFCC made a \$5 million dollar offer in this last round of Urgent Needs Funding with a 3 year time limit to use it. They were \$5 million because that was the maximum the UNAC allowed, but all of these projects required more funding. Without additional funding most likely they will not be able to move the projects forward in three years. A spreadsheet is enclosed with those projects listed. (*Enclosure for this item is “Costs to Finish Urgent Needs Project”*)

1. Does the Commission desire to see Urgent Need (targeted funding) funding requested?
2. If it desires such funding to continue what would be the methodology of distribution supported?

**Recommendation:** That the Commission includes a request in the FB 2008-10 budget request, for additional Urgent Need Funding of \$22.4 million to finish the five projects started with the current round of Urgent Needs funding. Additional Urgent Need Funding would not be used until the Facilities Assessments requested have been completed.

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